National Literacy Mission

1689. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2585 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the benefits under the National Literacy Mission percolate to the poorest of the poor;

(b) whether any tribal areas and tribal people have been selected as a special category under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the results achieved thereunder?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The National Literacy Mission (NLM), which was launched on 5th May, 1988 aims at unparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the age-group 15-35 by 1995. The focus of NLM is on imparting literacy to women persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other deprived sections of the society, particularly in the rural areas, because if is amongst them that incidence of illiteracy is the maximum.

(b) and (c) The emphasis in NLM at present is on eradication of illiteracy in specified areas/districts in a tme bound manner through organisation of mass campaigns for total literacy. Presently, such campaigns are being implemented in 156 districts in the country either fully or partially. These campaigns cover illiterate persons belonging to all sections of the society. A statement indicating the names of the districts, which have either been notified as tribal districts or have a sizeable tribal population, where such total literacy campaigns have been taken up, is attached (*See* below) about 82.19 lakh illiterates in different age-groups are being covered through such campaigns in these 21 districts.

Statement

Name of the District No.		(Estimated coverage of learners)
		(in lakhs)
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
1.	Vishakhapatnam	7.00
2.	Mehbubnagar	0.69
3.	West Godavari	6.00
4.	East Godavarib	0.24
5.	Adilabad	0.32
	BIHAR	
6.	Ranchi	6.00
	HIMACHAL PRADESH	
7.	Kinnaur	0213
8.	Lahaul Spiti	0.06
9.	Chamba	1.08
	MADHYA PRADESH	
10.	Durg	6·00
11.	Raipur (8 blocks)	3·00
12.	Bilaspur (6 blocks)	3·51
13.	Ratlam	3·00
14.	Betul (Ghoradongri block)	0·50
15.	Raigarh	3 80
	MAHARASHTRA	
16.	Nanded	6.00
	ORISSA	
17.	Sdargarh	6.00
18.	Ganjam	10.0
19.	Keonjhar	3·50
20.	Kalahandi	6·36
	RAJASTHAN	
21.	Dungarpur	4.00